

REMARKS

SUMMARY

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, and 11 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Claim 10 has been cancelled.

Accordingly, Claims 1-9, 11-12 remain pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10, and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) for being as being unpatentable in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/00117330 to Eldridge *et al.* ("Eldridge"). In response, Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Rejection of Claim 10 has been rendered moot by its cancellation.

Amended Claim 1 claims a microelectronic die substrate having interconnects on an active side and a back side of the microelectronic die substrate. Eldridge fails to teach or suggest the claimed substrate. Eldridge discloses that interconnects may be placed on printed circuit boards and interposers. (See at least paragraphs 0968 - 0971). Thus, Eldridge fails to teach or suggest at least a necessary feature of Claim 1. Therefore, Claim 1 is patentable over Eldridge under 35 USC § 102(b).

Independent Claim 6 includes in substance the same recitation as described for Claim 1. Thus, for at least the above stated reasons, Claim 6 is patentable over Eldridge under 35 USC § 102(b).

Claims 2-5, 7-9, and 12 each depends from independent Claims 1 or 6 incorporating their corresponding limitations. Thus, for at least the above stated reasons, Claims 2-5, 7-9, and 12 are patentable over Eldridge under 35 USC § 102(b).

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eldridge. Applicant submits Eldridge does not suggest the recitations of claim 6. Therefore, claim 6 is not obvious and patentable over Eldridge. Claim 11 depends on amended Claim 6, incorporating its limitations. Therefore, for at least the same reasons, Claim 11 is not obvious and is patentable over Eldridge.

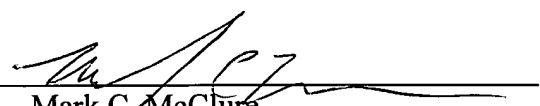
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-9, 11-12 are solicited. As a result of the amendments made herein, Applicant(s) submits that Claims 1-9, 11-12 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance if respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1504. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

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